

23. (amended) A method for delivering a DNA molecule having a nucleic acid sequence encoding a functional RNA molecule to an animal, the method comprising administering to the animal a viral vector as claimed in claim 21, such that the viral vector infects at least one cell of the animal and the infected cell expresses the DNA molecule encoding the functional RNA molecule and produces the RNA molecule.


**REMARKS**

This application is amended to delete the multiple dependency of claims 18 and 23 to avoid the multiple dependent claim filing fee.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made."

Entry of the Preliminary Amendment and favorable consideration are respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Claims 18 and 23 have been amended**, as follow.

18. (Amended) A method for delivering a DNA molecule having a nucleic acid sequence encoding a non-adenoviral polypeptide or polypeptides to an animal, the method comprising administering to the animal a viral vector as claimed in claim 12[ to 16], such that the viral vector infects at least one cell of the animal and the infected cell expresses the DNA molecule encoding the polypeptide or polypeptides and produces the polypeptide or polypeptides.

23. (Amended) A method for delivering a DNA molecule having a nucleic acid sequence encoding a functional RNA molecule to an animal, the method comprising administering to the animal a viral vector as claimed in claim 21[or 22], such that the viral vector infects at least one cell of the animal and the infected cell expresses the DNA molecule encoding the functional RNA molecule and produces the RNA molecule.